

VOTE-COPE VICTORIES

Because of NYSUT members' voluntary contributions to VOTE-COPE, these are just a few of the victories we've been able to achieve in the past couple years:



MAJOR FUNDING WINS

UNIVERSAL SCHOOL MEALS



- Expanded to ALL 2.7 million NY students in participating schools
- Saves families an estimated \$165/month per child
- Means no child has to come to class hungry



BOCES & CTE FUNDING

- Increased the BOCES instructor salary cap
- Increases in Special Services Aid
- 9th grade now included in Special Services Aid

FOUNDATION AID INCREASED



43% increase in Foundation Aid over the past 5 years thanks to NYSUT advocacy.

INCREASES IN HIGHER EDUCATION OPERATING FUNDS

\$115.1 Million SUNY	\$147.5 Million CUNY	\$21.3 Million COMMUNITY COLLEGES
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SAVED SUNY DOWNSTATE

SUNY & CUNY RECONNECT



- Free community college for adults 25-55 in high-demand fields
- Covers tuition, fees, books and supplies

HISTORIC POLICY VICTORIES



BELL-TO-BELL CELLPHONE RESTRICTIONS

New York became the largest state to enact a statewide bell-to-bell cellphone restrictions policy

FIRST-IN-THE-NATION SOCIAL MEDIA SAFETY LAWS



- SAFE for Kids Act
- Child Data Protection Act
- Social media warning labels law

AI OVERSIGHT



- Ensures human oversight of AI is required in public services
- Only state in the nation to introduce groundbreaking labor protections against AI threats



FIXES TO TIER 6

Lowered final average salary calculation from 5 to 3 years. Means bigger pension checks for life.

EXTREME HEAT LAW



First law in NYS establishing maximum temperatures in schools

WORKPLACE VIOLENCE PREVENTION ACT



Expanded to include schools

TOILETING & DIAPERING REGULATIONS



Set uniform standards statewide

PASSAGE OF THE EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT



by New York voters.

FIXED APPR

- Ended test-and-punish teacher evaluations
- Returned evaluations to local control
- No longer required to use student test scores

WHAT WE'RE STILL WORKING ON

Because of VOTE-COPE, we get to fight for the things that matter to our students, educators and communities. We're continuing to fight for meaningful Tier 6 pension reforms and stronger investments in our public schools and colleges, and to defend public education against privatization efforts.

VICTORIES IN SCHOOL BUDGET & BOARD RACES

97%
of school budgets
PASSED

84%
of pro-public
school candidates
WON

73
NYSUT MEMBERS
ELECTED



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